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In re Appln. of: Lutz Biedermann et al.

Appln. No.: 10/660,452

Filed: September 11, 2003

For: Invertebral Disk Prosthesis

Attorney Docket No: 7948/16

Examiner: Willse, David H.

Art Unit: 3738

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ PTO Form 1449, Information Disclosure Statement, and five (5) foreign patent document references.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
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					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
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Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
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Fee payment:

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____ . A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

April 19, 2006
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. REFERENCES:

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
US 2005/0267581 A1	12/01/05	Marnay et al.	623/17.14	07/21/05
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DE 30 23 353 A1	21.6.80	Germany		No
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (two sheets), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Copies of the Foreign References are enclosed. At the present time, the undersigned does not have translations of the Foreign References. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's

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consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application:

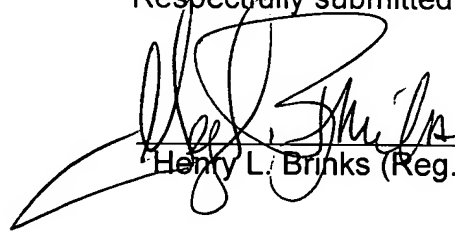
By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Statement. Applicants have enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 10/660,452	CASE NO. 7948/16
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE September 11, 2003	GROUP ART UNIT 3738
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>	
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